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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAVEL IN US DURING MARCH 1981

1. SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO FILE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS, INCLUDING MANY DURING MARCH TO COVER THE PHYSICIANS' CONFERENCE AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR IN AIRLIE, VIRGINIA. THERE IS ALMOST DAILY TRAVEL BETWEEN WASHINGTON, DC AND NEW YORK.
2. SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS FILED 70 NOTES AND 13 AMENDMENTS FOR THEIR OWN STAFF, INCLUDING 2 24-HOUR EXCEPTION REQUESTS AND 3 CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTS, WHICH WERE DENIED. ONE TRIP TO MIDWEST WAS ALTERED TO REMOVE A CLOSED AREA PORTION. SINCE RECEIPT OF MOST RECENT MOSCOW TRAVEL REPORTS, SEVERAL ROTN'S HAVE BEEN RECIPROCATED, BUT WILL SHOW IN APRIL SUMMARY. NO EXCEPTIONS WERE GRANTED.
3. FOR SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS, 37 NOTES WERE FILED, ALL BUT ONE FOR OPEN AREAS, MOSTLY EAST COAST CITIES. ONE CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION REQUEST WAS DENIED, NO EXCEPTIONS APPROVED.
4. INTOURIST OFFICIALS FILED FIVE OPEN AREA REQUESTS, ALL APPROVED.
5. AEROFLOT OFFICIALS FILED 3 OPEN AREA REQUESTS, ALL APPROVED.
6. IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL FILED 20 NOTES AND 3 AMENDMENTS, AMONG WHICH 5 CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTS WERE DENIED, ONE 24-HOUR EXCEPTION REQUEST WAS DENIED, ONE CLOSED AREA REQUEST WAS GRANTED FOR THE CONSUL GENERAL TO OPEN A US-USSR WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IN A SAN FRANCISCO SUBURB. THIS WAS GRANTED IN RECIPROCITY FOR EXCEPTION GRANTED IN LENINGRAD IN FEBRUARY TO ALLOW ROAD TRAVEL TO PETROKREPOST'. ADDITIONALLY, ONE TRIP WAS ALTERED AT DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO RIFY ROUTING. CLARK

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